38 <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 14 and 17 have been canceled without 39 prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6, 15, 16, and 18 have been 40 amended in independent form to include all of the limitations 41 of the base claim and any intervening claims, as kindly 42 suggested by the examiner to be allowable. Claims 3, 7-9 and 43 19-21 remain in the application and are allowable, because 44 they have been amended to depend from claim 6 now believed 45 Claims 10-13 remain unchanged and depend from 46 allowable. claims now believed allowable. It is believed that all minor 47 rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 noted by the examiner have been 48 Accordingly included is a listing of all claims 49 corrected. and those amended are presented in only marked up version in 50 compliance with the latest REVISED AMENDMENT FORMAT to CFR 51 Title 37 Sec. 1.121. and Published on the PTO web site on Feb. 52 26, 2003. 53

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and a favorable action are now kindly requested, and in the event that this specification or claims should require any further amendment, the kind assistance of the Examiner in entering an Examiner's amendment will be greatly appreciated. It is suggested that such amendment may be optionally supplemented by a phone conversation and confirmed by form PTOL-327, Box 4b, so as to expedite the formal allowance of this application.

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